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1. Since the beginning of November 1951, special courses have been or-
ganized throughout Latvia to combat American propaganda [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] Such courses are being organized in all sovkh-
hozes and kolkhozes. They are directed and supervised by roving units
of the propaganda organization, 'Kult-Prosvat,' created by the Council
of Ministers of the Latvian SSR. 50X1-HUM
2. This organization is headed by (fnu) Pokrelnis, a member of the Central
Committee of the Latvian CP. The roving propaganda units have special-
ly trained lecturers, extensive propaganda material for distribution, as
well as projecting equipment for the display of 'documentary material and
other authentic evidence' which 'prove' that Latvia was sold out to the
American Imperialists during the period of the Ulmanis Government. This
documentary evidence material is supplied by the State archives, Goscent-
rarchiv, in Riga.
3. In propaganda lectures held in the regions of Daugavpils and Liepaja at the
beginning of November 1951, the Communist lecturers directed violent attacks
against a group of Latvian politicians in exile, for 'selling themselves'
to the Imperialist propaganda of the US, via the VCA, and becoming traitors
of the People's Republic of Latvia. They were branded 'reactionary Ulmanis
clique' and were accused of spreading slanders and lies about the Latvian
SSR through the VCA.
4. These propaganda courses are compulsory. The managers of kolkhozes and
sovkhozes are leaving instructions to the workers to appear at a given
date and place to attend the courses. All participants must sign a
roll of attendance, with the help of which CP officials can check on
those absent. At the end of the lectures the groups have to participate
in discussions."

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